Mr. I. RAMAN MENON.

The Superintendent of Agriculture and Panchayats, Mr. I. Raman Menon, has an English training in Agriculture, and all agricultural institutions give a general course in Veterinary Science. Government consider he is duly qualified to manage the department.

The Purchase of Veterinary Instruments.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

56. Has any amount been set apart for the purchase of Veterinary instruments last year ? If so, how much, and what all instruments were purchased ?

Mr. I. RAMAN MENON.

Government have approved of a list of instruments to be purchased for use in the several Hospitals, and it is proposed to spread the expenditure over 3 years commencing with 1100. The Superintendent of Agriculture and Panchayats has placed an order for one lot of instruments with Messrs. Baird and Tatlock and Co., London, and a sum of £.41—16—3 was remitted to the firm last year. A list of instruments ordered is appended. (*Vide Appendix I.*)

A Full-timed Officer for the Agricultural Department.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

57. Is not a full-timed officer necessary for the efficient management of the Agricultural Department of the whole State?

Mr. I. RAMAN MENON

The present Head of the Department is a full-timed Officer.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

The present Head of the Veterinary Department is the Head of three departments. He is not a full-timed officer for the Agricultural Department alone. Is he a full-timed officer for one department alone?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

He is a full-timed officer

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

Is not a full-timed officer necessary for the Agricultural Department alone, for the efficient management of that department?

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President.—He is a full-timed officer in charge of various branches of the same department. He is in charge not only of the work of agriculture but also of other work.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

That is not an answer to my point. I mean to ask whether the Agricultural Department alone will not engage the attention of a full-timed officer?

President.—He is a full-timed officer. There is no question about it, and agriculture is only one of the branches of the same department.

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

I don't see the word 'alone' in this clause. He speaks of the Agricultural Department alone.

President.—The answer is he is a full-timed officer.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

58. When the Departmental work (Agricultural) is being enlarged, how is it that the Government thrust two other most important departments also into the Head of this Department?

Mr. I. RAMAN MENON.

The matter has been sufficiently explained at the time of the discussion in the last session of the Legislative Council while voting for grants under the head "Agriculture and Panchayats".

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

What further arrangements have the Government made after this discussion? I rise to ask whether the Panchayats had not a full-timed officer even when the Agricultural Department had not been developed to such an extent. At present so many thousands of rupees have been spent on it, and the department has been developed to such an extent, that I ask whether a separate head is not necessary for the Panchayats. When it has advanced, it has spent more money. This department was entrusted with other works also.

President.—The reason had been fully explained by the Diwan Peishkar at the last session.

RAO SAHIB T. V. KASTURI RANGA AYYAR.

Last time I explained it.

President.—Have you referred to his speech?

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

Has any further arrangement been made since then

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Mr. I. RAMAN MENON.

No further arrangements have been found necessary.

RAO SAHIB T. V. KASTURI RANGA AYYAR.

The question will be considered.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

If so, what is the result?

President.—Let Mr. Ramachandra Ayyar have a clear answer to this question.

RAO SAHIB T. V. KASTURI RANGA AYYAR.

Page 411 of Volume I, No. 6. The circumstances under which the Panchayat Department has been transferred to the control of the Superintendent of Agriculture have been explained there.

"The tranfer was effected purely as a tentative measure, with the main object of disseminating agricultural knowledge through the agency of the Panchayats. It has been represented by the non-official members of this House that no propaganda work was done by the Agricultural Department in the matter of introducing new and improved methods of agriculture, and that no useful instruction was given by the department to the ryots. As the Agricultural Department has to do propaganda work to give instructions to the ryots, it was thought that the officers of that department could utilise the agency of Panchayatdars for the purpose, as these bodies have to come in contact with the ryots. It was with this object in view that the Panchayat and Agricultural Departments were clubbed together. Since it is represented that the clubbing had given no benefit to the Panchayats, Government are prepared to look into the matter, and take all the representations now made in to consideration and arrive at some satisfactory conclusion'.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

Have the Government looked into the matter, and if so, what is the result? That is the question.

Mr. I. RAMAN MENON.

Nothing was done afterwards.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

Was the matter afterwards taken up?

Mr. I. RAMAN MENON.

The answer is in the negative.

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Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

Why is it that we hear lots of complaints in the election of Panchayats and so many other complaints?

Mr. I. RAMAN MENON.

In what case?

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

In the election of Panchayats in Varandarappalli and Parappukkara there was much delay.

Mr. I. RAMAN MENON.

The question is rather a complicated one.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

There had been no such delay before these two departments were amalgamated.

President.—The delay cannot be explained.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

59. Is it not detrimental to the efficient management of all the three departments, if the work is entrusted to a single man?

Mr. I. RAMAN MENON.

Government do not consider that the efficiency in management of any of the departments referred to will be impaired.

The Municipal AyurvedicDispensary at Tattamangalam.

Dr. A. G. MENON.

60. (a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Government has issued orders to close the Municipal Ayurvedic Dispensary at Tattamangalam? If so, why?

(b) Has the Government received any petition from the citizens of Tattamangalam requesting the Government to continue the maintenance of this Dispensary?

(c) Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a copy of the report of the working of the said Dispensary for 1100 and the Government order thereon?

Mr. I. RAMAN MENON.

(a) Yes The order is conditional and it gives the reason. A copy of the order is appended. (*Vide Appendix II.*)

(b) Yes

(c) Yes. A copy each of the report and the order passed thereon is laid on the table. (*Vide Appendix III.*)

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A. Statement of patients for 1100

Month.	Sex		Caste or Religion				Residence				Total No. of patients	Average daily attendance	Average cost per head	Remarks.
	Males	Females	Hindus	Muhammadens	Christians	Panchamas and other castes	within the Municipality: Tattamangalam	within the Municipality: Chittur	Cochinites outside the Municipality	Britishers				
Vrischigam	553	294	415	39	10	383	624	42	158	23	847	29	0—1—2	
Dhanu	464	300	593	41	6	124	563	75	98	28	764	25·5	0—0—11	
Makaram	488	262	542	67	27	114	528	74	94	54	750	26	0—1—0	
Kumbham	509	340	624	72	18	135	576	38	156	79	849	28·3	0—1—3	
Meenam	552	249	470	51	23	257	519	45	153	84	801	27	0—1—5	
Medam	563	277	522	62	4	252	578	59	124	79	840	27	0—1—2	
Edavam	606	268	483	92	8	291	613	30	134	97	874	28	0—1—1	
Mithunam	615	349	605	53	9	297	672	68	107	117	964	30	0—1—2	
Karkadagam	729	344	648	43	10	372	717	109	159	88	1073	34	0—1—2	
Total for the year	5,079	2,683	4,902	520	115	2,225	5,390	540	1,183	649	7,762	28	0—1—2	